



News Release

Representative Jim Moran

United States Congress

Eighth District of Virginia

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Moran & Mayor Kick-Off “Free Ride” in Falls Church

When: Friday, June 1st

8:30AM – 9:00AM

Who: Congressman Moran and Falls Church Mayor Robin Gardner

What: The City of Falls Church will be offering free rides on their GEORGE bus system, Friday, June 1st to help kick-start the summer transportation season and promote environmentally friendly public transit. U.S. Rep. Moran and Falls Church Mayor Gardner will be holding a kick-off at the City Hall stop at approximately 8:43AM.

Where: The corner of Park Avenue and Little Falls Street, across street from City Hall;
300 Park Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046

Background: The City’s GEORGE clean-diesel bus runs between the East and West Falls Church Metro stations. GEORGE is a friend to the environment, removing particulate matter from its exhaust while making public transportation easily accessible in Falls Church City.

The Washington, D.C. metro area is ranked 12th worst in the U.S. for short-term particle exposure and 21st for year round exposure to particulate matter. Particulate matter are small particles that can lodge in the heart and lungs and cause serious damage including shortness of breath and even heart attacks. Area residents can help reduce particulate matter in our air by choosing public transportation.

GEORGE is part of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission’s RIDE FREE program that is offering free fares on all Northern Virginia buses May 1-Sept. 15, 2007 on forecast Code Orange and Red Bad Air days.

Visit www.fallschurchva.gov/GEORGE for schedules and details about the City’s clean diesel bus.